GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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SETTING UP OF HPT IN JHABUA, M.P.
KANTILAL BHURIA

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether people residing in tribal belt of Madhya Pradesh specially Jhabua are notable to view the Doordarshan programmes owing to low capacity of the transmitter;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to install an HPT to bring more tribal people within the range of Doordarshan telecast;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the tribal areas of the country where LPT to HPT converted/propose to be convertedduring 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 State-wise and Location-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): No Sir. 32 transmitters are presently functioning in Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) districtsof Madhya Pradesh and this includes 2 transmitters at Jhabua and Alirajpur, in Jhabua district. Parts of Jhabua district also receive coverage from the transmitter at Indore.

(b) , (c) & (d): At present, there is no scheme to set up an HPT in Jhabua district.LPTs are under implementation in the TSP district of Seoni and West Nimar. Expansion of DDnetwork is a continuous process and depends on availability of resources and inter-se priorities.

(e): Details of LPTs in TSP districts already upgraded toHPTs and those proposed to be upgraded during 2002-03 and 2003-04 are given at Annexure.